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SUBJECT: CYPRUS COUP: JULY 17 NAC MEETING

REF: A. USNATO 3930 B. USNATO 3934

1. NAC RETURNED TO SUBJECT OF CYPRUS MORNING OF JULY 17 FOLLOWING
SESSION ON THIS SUBJECT THE PREVIOUS EVENING (REF A). WHILE GREEK,
TURKISH AND UK REPS HAD LITTLE IN THE WAY OF NEW INFORMATION
OVERNIGHT NEWS REPORTS SEEMED TO HAVE STIFFENED COUNCIL'S RESOLVE
TO PUT PRESSURE ON GREEK GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING
GREEK OFFICERS OF THE CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD AS RECOMMENDED BY UK.
NEWS REPORTS FROM BOTH COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST SOURCES IMPLICATION
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NATO IN THE CYPRUS COUP WERE DISCUSSED. ONCE AGAIN, GREEK PRESENTATION

WAS CHARACTERIZED BY PROTESTATIONS OF NON-INVOLVEMENT AND PLEAS OF
IGNORANCE AND CONTRASTED UNFAVORABLY WITH TURKISH POSITION WHICH WAS

PRESENTED AS RESTRAINED AND REASONABLE. PERSONALITIES AND SKILLS OF GREEK AND TURKISH REPS NO DOUBT EXAGGERATED THIS CONTRAST.

2. COUNCIL EXPRESSED GOOD DEAL OF SUPPORT FOR UK JULY 16 PROPOSAL TO GREEK ACTING FONMIN (PARAGRAPH 3 REF B). IN FACT, MOMENTUM OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL'S ENTHUSIASM TO DEMAND BOTH EXPLANATIONS AND ACTIONS BY GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD TO BE DAMPENED BY UK REP WHO WAS CONCERNED THAT COUNCIL WOULD REQUIRE MORE OF GREEK GOVERNMENT THAN UK WAS ASKING OR THOUGHT WOULD BE REASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. AFTER HOUR AND HALF, LUNS SUMMARIZED FEELING OF COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

A. EXPECTS GREEK GOVERNMENT TO GIVE AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY TO THE SUGGESTION OF THE UK GOVERNMENT REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF THE GREEK OFFICERS OF THE CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD;

B. EXPECTS THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT SHOULD, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION, EMBARK ON FULL CONSULTATIONS BOTH IN THE COUNCIL AND THE CONTEXT OF THE 1960 GUARANTEE AGREEMENTS;

C. ASKS WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR GREEK NATO AMBASSADOR TO REPEAT IN THE COUNCIL THE ASSURANCES REPORTEDLY GIVEN TO THE UK AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS REGARDING GREEK INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1960 GUARANTEE AGREEMENTS.

4. LUNS ADDED ON THIS OWN AUTHORITY THAT HE KNOWS THAT THE LAUDIBLE RESTRAINT SHOWN THUS FAR BY TURKEY IS IN LARGE EXTENT DUE TO TURKISH HOPE THAT NAC ACTION ON CYPRUS QUESTION WILL RESULT IN AFFIRMATIVE ACTIONS BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, AN URGENT RESPONSE FROM ATHENS IS IMPERATIVE.

5. COUNCIL THEN CONSIDERED QUESTION OF HOW MUCH OF ITS DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS OUGHT TO BE PUBLICIZED. MAJORITY FELT STATE-SECRET

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MENT SUCH AS MADE AFTER SESSION PREVIOUS EVENING WAS TOO THIN AND CERTAINLY INADEQUATE TO DISPEL RUMORS OF ALLIANCE COMPLICITY IN CYPRUS COUP. IN THE END LUNS DECIDED TO INSTRUCT THE NATO SPOKESMAN TO GIVE A BRIEF FACTUAL STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD AND TO AUTHORIZE A/SYG KASTL TO BACKGROUND THE PRESS ON SPECIFIED ASPECTS OF THE NAC DISCUSSION (SEE SEPTTEL).

6. COMMENT: IN REF A I NOTED I CONTINUE TO LACK ANY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS IMPORTANT COUNCIL DISCUSSION. AT THIS MORNING'S SESSION I REFERRED ONLY TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY, WHICH REPORTED INITIAL U.S. DEMARCHES TO GREECE AND TURKEY, CONSULTATIONS WITH UK AND OTHERS, AND CONTACT WITH THE SOVIET UNION. MY CONCERN OVER ABSENCE OF ANY

INSTRUCTED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN NAC-CYPRUS DISCUSSION NOW GOES
BEYOND CONCERN OF U.S. APPEARING BY OUR RELATIVE SILENCE AS POSSIBLY
GUILTY OF TACIT SUPPORT FOR ATHENS ACTION IN CYPRUS.
SITUATION NOW APPROACHING THE POINT WHERE COUNCIL IS TAKING
POSITIONS WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS SITUATION. NAC COULD CONCEIVABLY
BE MOVING TOWARD FURTHER DECISIONS WHICH MIGHT BE EITHER A) BEYOND THE

REALM OF POSSIBILITY AND CAUSE BREACH BETWEEN GREECE AND REST OF
ALLIANCE; OR B) OF A CHARACTER THAT IF COMPLIED WITH BY GREECE COULD
PERHAPS WORSEN THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS RATHER THAN IMPROVE IT,
AND THUS SET INTO MOTION TRAIN OF EVENTS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO
INTERNATIONALIZING THE CRISIS. ABSENT ANY INSTRUCTIONS
I WOULD OF COURSE
HAVE TO OPPOSE OR RESERVE ON ANY SUCH MOVE. THIS COULD HAVE THE
EFFECT OF POSITIONING
U.S. AS APPEARING TO BE ON SIDE OF GREECE REGARDLESS OF WHERE
WE MIGHT WISH TO BE POSITIONED, A SITUATION WHICH COULDBE AVOIDED IF
I WERE PROVIDED WITH FULLER INFORMATION ENABLING ME TO STEER
NAC TOWARD U.S. GOALS
AT EARLY POINT IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

7. SUGGEST STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BE
AUTHORIZED TO GIVE PRESS GENERAL ACCOUNT OF SUG AND NAC ACTIVITIES.

8. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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